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The members of the Security Council welcome the proposals put forth in the Secretary-General's report of 17 October 1996 (S/1996/858) on the type of assistance the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL) could provide in support of the peace process in Liberia. The members of the Council remain concerned, however, that conditions in Liberia may not be right for the implementation of these proposals at this time, given continued insecurity in some parts of the country.

The members of the Council, therefore, encourage the Secretary-General to make all appropriate arrangements necessary to carry out these proposals, including examining methods used in other peacekeeping operations. The Council understands that the Secretary-General will follow the situation in Liberia closely and will not deploy the additional personnel and logistic resources needed to implement these proposals unless the factions take the concrete steps required to fulfil the commitments they have entered into under the revised timetable of the Abuja Agreement.

The members of the Council request the Secretary-General to advise it of any developments in this regard, either in the context of his next report or earlier if necessary.

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